

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15, 18-32, and 35-39 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-4, 12-15, 18-22, 24, 29-32, 35, and 36 having been amended, Claims 37-39 having been added, and Claims 16, 17, 33, and 34 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 14, 15, 18, 25, 26, 28, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kenington (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,067); and Claims 3, 4, 9, 11-13, 16, 17, 19-24, 27, 29-31 and 34-36 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but were otherwise indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants' thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, the independent claims are amended to include allowable subject matter and dependent claims indicated as including allowable subject matter are rewritten in independent form as follows: Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of Claims 14 and 16; Claim 3 is written in independent form; Claim 4 is written in independent form; Claim 12 is written in independent form; Claim 13 is written in independent form; Claim 14 is amended to be in independent form and to include the subject matter of Claim 17; Claim 32 is amended to include the subject matter of Claims 33 and 34; Claim 35 is written in independent form; and Claim 36 is written in independent form.

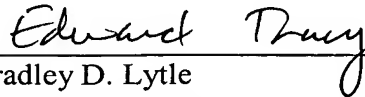
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 32, 35, and 36 (and all claims dependent thereon) are in condition for allowance.

New dependent Claims 37-39 find support, for example, in original Claims 20, 21, and 31, respectively. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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